

National Marine Protected Areas Center

Information Exchange for Marine Educators

RESOURCES

EE-Link

EE-Link is a project of the North American Association for Environmental Education and a member of the EETAP consortium. The grants section of the website has links for strategies and techniques to develop funding for EE programs, and information on education-related grants that may be applicable to EE providers. The jobs page also hosts jobs and internships. Both can be sorted for ease.

<http://eelink.net/> .

Grant of the Week Web site

School Funding Services, a division of New American Schools, features a new grant each week on their website. Funds in the past have been used for environmental curriculum development and environmental community awareness; innovative science programs and/or developing new science curricula; and professional development for science teachers. Note: not every grant is for environmental education.

<http://www.schoolfundingservices.org/newsViewer.asp?docId=2546>

Grant Writing Tips from SchoolGrants

SchoolGrants has compiled a set of grant writing tips for those that need help in developing grant proposals.

<http://www.schoolgrants.org/tips.htm#Grant%20Writing%20Tips>

The Grantionary

The Grantionary is a short glossary of grant-related terms and their definitions. These are available on the website to assist anyone in their grant writing or other related funding requests.

www.eduplace.com/grants/help/grantionary.html

GrantsAlert Website

GrantsAlert is a website that helps nonprofits, especially those involved in education, secure the funds they need to continue their important work. The Find-A-Grant section allows the searcher to look by category (e.g. science/engineering, at risk). There is also a Grant Writers directory.

www.grantsalert.com

Website for Federal Funding from EPA's Office of Water

This searchable funding database of federal watershed grants and loans provides access to federal funding opportunities for everything from environmental education/outreach to environmental restoration.

www.epa.gov/watershedfunding

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Aldo Leopold Leadership Program Fellowships

Academic environmental scientists can apply for fellowships for an intensive training program designed to build and enhance the skills of academic environmental scientists to communicate with policy makers, media representatives, businesses, non-profit organizations, and the general public. The program's goal is to increase the understanding of complex environmental issues among non-scientific audiences in order to improve policies and practices for sustainability of the planet.

<http://www.leopoldleadership.org> .

American Meteorological Society/Industry Minority Scholarships

The AMS/Industry Minority Scholarships awards funding to minority students who have been traditionally underrepresented in the sciences, especially Hispanic, Native American, and Black/African American students. Minority students who will be entering their freshman year of college in the fall of 2004 and plan to pursue careers in the atmospheric or related oceanic and hydrologic sciences are eligible to apply.

<http://www.ametsoc.org/amsstudentinfo/scholfeldocs/#1> .

Aquarius Writing Contest

Aquarius aquanauts want to hear in 1000 words or less about why students in grades 8-12 want to live underwater in Aquarius for two weeks. Their essay must begin with, "I want to live for two weeks underwater in Aquarius because..." Detailed contest rules are available on the Aquarius web site.

www.uncw.edu/aquarius .

AT&T Cares Youth Service Action Fund

National Youth Service Day, a program of Youth Service America, is designed to mobilize youth as leaders to identify and address the needs of their communities through service and service learning; support youth on a lifelong path of service and civic engagement; and educate the public, the media, and policymakers about the year-round contributions of young people as community leaders.

http://www.ysa.org/awards/award_grant.cfm .

BoatU.S. Foundation Clean Water Grant

BoatU.S. Foundation Clean Water Grants fund projects that educate boaters about cleaner boating habits. Grants are open to nonprofit community groups with proposals that address issues such as petroleum pollution prevention, pumpout education, and littering prevention. This year, the special grant focus topic is Clean Fueling of Boats.

<http://www.boatus.com/cleanwater/grants/>

Budweiser Conservation Scholarship Program

This scholarship program supports and promotes innovative research or study that seeks to respond to today's most pressing issues in fish, wildlife, and plant conservation. Scholarships are awarded to cover students' expenses for tuition, fees, books, room and board, and other direct expenses related to their studies.

<http://www.nfwf.org/programs/budscholarship.htm>

Bullitt Foundation Grants for the Pacific Northwest

The mission of the Bullitt Foundation is to protect, restore, and maintain the natural physical environment of the Pacific Northwest. The Foundation assists nonprofit public

interest organizations to play a central role in educating, organizing, and engaging diverse groups of people in efforts to protect and appreciate the environment.

<http://www.bullitt.org/>

Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Funds

NOAA's Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Program for the Chesapeake and Monterey Bay watersheds and the Hawaiian Islands funds project to improve the understanding of environmental stewardship of students and teachers through education and provide "meaningful" outdoor experiences for students and professional development opportunities for teachers. The B-WET grant program supports existing programs, fosters the growth of new programs, and encourages partnerships.

<http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/bwet/> .

California Environmental Art and Literature Contests

The California Regional Environmental Education Community (CREEC) Region 10, covering Riverside, Inyo, Mono and San Bernardino counties, is holding an environmental art contest to promote the use of art and the environment. Entries will be judged in three categories: Environmental Art, Recycle Art, and Photojournalism.

[http://www.creec.org/region10/stories/storyReader\\$18](http://www.creec.org/region10/stories/storyReader$18)

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and the LA Times are sponsoring an essay contest as part of their Plan-it Earth project: *What concerns you about the environment?* Submit an essay about one of the following environmental issues: managing household hazardous wastes; preventing pollution in storm drains; conserving natural resources through recycling; reusing and reducing consumption; protecting groundwater from contamination; or composting.

judith.klein@latimes.com, or 818/772-3085.

California Coastal Art and Poetry Contest

California students in grades K-12 are invited to submit their work to the California Coastal Commission's annual Coastal Art & Poetry Contest. Winners will be selected in each of the four grade-level categories in both art and poetry to receive a \$100 gift certificate to an art supply or book store. Art and poetry must have a California coastal or marine theme to be eligible.

<http://www.coastforyou.org/>

California Whale Tail Grants

Sponsored by the California Coastal Commission, Whale Tail Grants support programs that foster an appreciation of California's coast, marine life, or inland watersheds, with an emphasis on reaching underserved students and members of the public. Educational beach maintenance or coastal habitat restoration programs are also eligible.

<http://www.coastforyou.org>

CAPCO Science Class Challenge

The CAPCO Science Class Challenge is a classroom contest for grades 4-9 whose purpose is to encourage students and teachers to learn about the Earth's protective upper ozone layer, CFCs, and the environment by using provided activities or their own creative methods. Full-time teachers employed by a U.S. public or private school teaching within grades 4-9 are eligible to apply.

<http://www.nocfcs.org/scc/scchome.htm> .

Captain Planet Foundation Environmental Grants

The Captain Planet Foundation funds and supports hands-on environmental projects for children and youths. They encourage innovative programs that empower children and youth around the world to work individually and collectively to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities.

<http://www.captainplanetfdn.org/aboutUs.html>

Christopher Columbus Awards

The Christopher Columbus Awards program is a national competition that combines science and technology with community problem-solving in a real-world setting. With the help of an adult coach, middle school students (grades 6th-8th) work in teams of three or four to identify an issue they care about and use science and technology to develop an innovative solution.

<http://www.christophercolumbusawards.com/intro.htm> .

Clean Water for the 21st Century Art Contest

This marine life art and science educational curriculum and contest is designed to promote the K-6 student's understanding of the complex and interrelated issues that affect our water systems through art. The national art contest offers a school mural contest as well as an individual fine art contest. The contest runs until Feb. 1, 2004.

<http://www.wylandoceanchallenge.org/index.cfm?do=contest>

Coastal America Partnership Awards program

Partnership awards recognize outstanding partnership efforts and/or multi-agency projects with at least one federal and one non-federal partner. The project or process must demonstrate a contribution to Coastal America's objective to protect, preserve, and restore the nation's coastal ecosystems.

<http://www.coastalamerica.gov/text/awards.html>

Coastal Services Center Funding Opportunities

The NOAA Coastal Services Center annually announces competitive funding by issuing a Broad Area Announcement detailing the availability of independent opportunities for funding from the Center.

<http://www.csc.noaa.gov/funding/CSCgrant.html>

Cooperative Institute for Coastal and Estuarine Environmental Technology Request for Proposals

The NOAA/University of New Hampshire Cooperative Institute for Coastal and Estuarine Environmental Technology (CICEET), invites proposals for projects that support its mission, goals and objectives, including the use of the National Estuarine Research Reserve System in developing and applying innovative environmental technologies addressing contamination and degradation of estuarine and coastal ecosystems.

<http://ciceet.unh.edu>

Coral Calendar Photo Contest

The Coral Reef Alliance's *Coral Calendar Photo Contest* for CORAL's 2006 Calendar will feature photos taken in Coral Parks, areas where the reefs are protected around the world.

<http://www.coralreefalliance.org/news/photocontest.html>

Coral Reef Conservation Funding from Fish and Wildlife Foundation

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is accepting proposals for projects that build public-private partnerships to reduce and prevent degradation of coral reefs and associated reef habitats... including Increasing community awareness through education and stewardship activities.

<http://www.nfwf.org/programs/coralreef.htm>

Dolores Fisher Award

The Education Department of the Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Society announces an award open to young women 16-30, in honor of Dolores Fisher and her extraordinary achievements and strong interests in the oceans. Selection will be based on the criteria of character and potential.

www.melfisher.org/deoaward.htm .

Dominion Educational Partnership Award

Dominion offers grants in Pennsylvania, Ohio, North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia, to encourage the development of new programs to strengthen math and science education in grades K-12. Proposals should represent innovative ideas, teach math and/or science skills, reach a significant number of students, and demonstrate broad-based community support.

<http://www.dom.com/about/education/grants/grants.jsp>

Eco-Hero Awards

Action for Nature seeks applications from students 8 to 16 for its 2004 Eco-Hero Awards Program. This program recognizes the individual accomplishments of young people who have carried out environmental action projects. Projects must concern environmental action, advocacy, protection, or research.

<http://www.actionfornature.org/eco-hero/index.html> .

Ecybermission Competition

Ecybermission is a web-based math, science, & technology competition for teams in grades 6, 7, 8, & 9. Each team proposes a solution to a real problem in its community and competes for regional and national awards. Registration is open through December 15, 2003.

<http://www.ecybermission.com/>

Environmental Film Festival

The Oakland Museum of California is calling for submissions for its Environmental Film Festival. Films can be serious, informative and/or funny, but they must address an environmental topic. Write, produce, direct, and film your story. Ten videos will be selected and shown on the night of the festival, April 2, 2004. Prizes will be awarded for Best Film, Best Content, and Audience Favorite.

http://www.museumca.org/events/earthdance_film_festival.html .

Environmental Leadership Program

The Environmental Leadership Program Fellowship is a national program designed to build the leadership capacity of the environmental field's most promising emerging professionals. The fellowship provides training, project support, and a peer network to approximately twenty individuals each year. Applicants should have approximately three to ten years of professional experience or post-undergraduate academic studies.

http://www.elpnet.org/fellowship_application.html

EPA Grants for Environmental Education

EPA seeks grant proposals for the Environmental Education Grants Program, contingent upon funding. The program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, or disseminate environmental education practices and methods, including assessing environmental and ecological conditions or specific environmental issues or problems.

<http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html>

ExploraVision Contest

Funded by Toshiba, *ExploraVision* challenges students to use their imaginations and the tools of science to propose scientifically feasible technologies that could exist 20 years into the future.

www.exploravision.org

Florida Association for Water Quality Control Environmental Education Grant

The Florida Association for Water Quality Control offers an Environmental Education Grant Program to provide seed money for projects, activities or other initiatives that promote education, understanding and stewardship of Florida's surface and groundwater resources.

<http://www.fawqc.com/eef.htm>

Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (Canada, US, Mexico)

The competition *Institutional Cooperation and Student Mobility in Postsecondary Education Among the United States, Canada and Mexico*, provides grants to improve postsecondary education opportunities by supporting the formation of educational consortia, encouraging coordination of curricula, and through student exchange and opening educational opportunities throughout North America.

<http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2003-3/093003c.html>

Georgia Conservancy's 2004 Youth Environmental Symposium

The Youth Environmental Symposium showcases student-led projects that address local environmental issues in Georgia. All types of projects are eligible: stream clean-ups, recycling programs, schoolyard habitat construction, environmental education and advocacy initiatives. Ten finalists will be selected, and are eligible for one of three cash prizes.

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Georgia Outdoors Nature Photography Contest

The Georgia Outdoors Nature Photography Contest competition solicits outstanding examples of amateur photography that utilize the great outdoors as the photographer's canvas. Through the medium of photography, Georgia Outdoors and Georgia Public Television hope to educate its public about both the beauty and the necessity of our outdoor heritage.

<http://www.gpb.org/gptv/georgiaoutdoors/photocontest/2004/rules.asp> .

Georgia Watchable Wildlife and Wildlife Education Grants

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division is accepting proposals for nongame educational and watchable wildlife projects. Applicants may include local governments and non-profit organizations.

<http://georgiawildlife.dnr.state.ga.us/content/displaycontent.asp?txtDocument=351> .

Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes

The *Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes*, for ages 8-18, honors outstanding young leaders who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Half of the winners focus on helping their communities and fellow beings; half focus on protecting the health and sustainability of the environment.

<http://www.barronprize.org/index.html>

Graduate Research Fellowship Program

The National Estuarine Research Reserve System's Graduate Research Fellowship offers qualified master and doctoral students an opportunity to address scientific questions of local, regional and national significance. Students have an opportunity to conduct their research in a reserve as well as contribute to the research or monitoring program. The result is high-quality research focused on improving coastal management.

www.ocrm.nos.noaa.gov/grf

ING Unsung Heroes Award for K-12 Educators

ING Financial Services provides funds for K-12 teachers pioneering new methods and techniques that improve student learning. Applications are judged on innovative teaching methods, creative educational projects, and ability to make a positive influence on the children they teach. At least one award will be granted in each of the 50 United States.

http://www.ing-usa.com/us/about/connect/education/unsung_heroes.html .

Institute of Education Sciences Funding

The U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences announced a new program to fund graduate training programs in the education sciences. These programs will train a new generation of education researchers capable of producing scientific evidence to guide education policy and classroom practice.

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/edresearch/applicant.html#predoc04> .

Jiminy Cricket's Environmentality Challenge for California

The Walt Disney Company, the State of California's Environmental Education Interagency Network, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, sponsor the *Jiminy Cricket's Environmentality Challenge* to encourage students to think and act environmentally at school, at home, and in their community.

<http://www.jceckids.org/>

Latino Scholarships to Smithsonian's MAB Program

The Smithsonian Institution's Monitoring and Assessment of Biodiversity Program (MAB) considered applications for Latino scholarships for two MAB courses at Front Royal, Virginia: April 30-June 2, 2003 (adaptive management) and September 7-19, 2003 (environmental leadership).

<http://www.si.edu/simab>

Marine Art Contest

The Massachusetts Marine Educators announce the 2004 Marine Art Contest for students in grades K-12. This year's theme is *Protecting Our Nation's Ocean Resources*. The contest will be judged in five divisions: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, and an open (K-12) scientific illustration division. Students are tasked with developing art that

illustrates the issues involved in protecting marine resources, particularly those in designated marine protected areas.

<http://stellwagen.noaa.gov> .

Marine Habitat Restoration Funding

The NOAA Restoration Center, in partnership with the American Sportfishing Association's FishAmerica Foundation, announced funding available in 2003 to implement grass roots habitat restoration projects to benefit living marine resources, under the NOAA Community-based Restoration Program.

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration>

Marion S. Bowers Discovery Award for Baltimore, MD Teachers

The Marion S. Bowers Discovery Award is open to teachers at any Baltimore City or County high school. Science teachers are encouraged to apply, but teachers in other disciplines will be considered. The award provides a teacher with the opportunity to work at the Aquarium alongside educators and staff, to help the teacher create new ways to use the Aquarium's exhibits and programs in the science classroom, and to share his/her discoveries with colleagues

Contact Joe Harber at jharber@aqua.org.

Minority Science & Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP)

The MSEIP is designed to effect long-range improvement in science & engineering education at predominantly minority institutions and to increase the flow of underrepresented ethnic minorities, particularly minority women, into scientific and technological careers. For special projects described in 34 CFR 637.14(b) & (c), eligible applicants include nonprofit science-oriented organizations, professional scientific societies, institutions of higher education, and consortia of organizations.

www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2004-1/012704c.html .

Morris K. Udall Scholarships

Eighty scholarships are available for sophomore and junior undergraduate students studying in fields related to the environment. The candidate's plan of study should include coursework in ethics and public policy and/or public or community service experience. A Udall Faculty Representative must nominate students.

http://www.udall.gov/p_scholarship.htm .

Mountaineers Foundation Grants for the Pacific Northwest

The Mountaineers Foundation promotes the study of the mountains, forests, and streams of the Pacific Northwest, and contributes to the preservation of its natural beauty and ecological integrity. The Foundation supports environmental research, environmental education, and conservation projects in Washington, Alaska, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and British Columbia. They fund modest short-term projects.

<http://www.mountaineersfoundation.org/>

"Name NOAA's New Ship Contest" for New England Students

NOAA's Office of Education and Sustainable Development, in partnership with the Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education, the Gulf of Maine Marine Educators Association, the Southeastern New England Marine Educators, and the Massachusetts Marine Educators, invite students in Connecticut, Maine, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont to name a new ship.

www.education.noaa.gov

National Environmental Excellence Awards

Yearly, Busch Adventure Parks recognize the outstanding efforts of K-12 students and teachers across the country working at the grassroots level to protect and preserve the environment through this yearly award. Prizes are awarded to eight winning groups and one environmental educator or leader. Project applicants should be able to demonstrate significant accomplishments that have occurred prior to the application.

<http://www.seaworld.org/conservation-matters/eea/index.htm>

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Coral Reef Conservation Funds

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation accepts proposals for projects that build public-private partnerships to reduce and prevent degradation of coral reefs and associated reef habitats. The grants require pre-proposals, with full proposals accepted by invitation only. Applications are accepted from U.S. or international non-profit organizations, academic institutions, and non-federal agencies.

<http://nfwf.org/programs/coralreef.htm>

National Forest Foundation Community Assistance Program

The National Forest Foundation Community Assistance Program (CAP) provides start-up grants, as well as basic resources, tools, and guidance, to newly-forming and recently-formed community groups nationwide to organize and engage more effectively in natural resource management issues on and around national forests and grasslands.

http://www.natlforests.org/consp_05_cap.html

National Geographic Society's Education Foundation Offers Teacher Grants

The National Geographic Society's Education Foundation offers Teacher to educators in an accredited K-12 school to facilitate their work in the classroom, school, district and/or community. Projects that feature outreach to urban areas are particularly encouraged. The grants support activities and programs through innovative geography education projects.

http://www.nationalgeographic.com/education/teacher_community/get_grant.html

National Hispanic Environmental Council Travel Scholarships

The National Hispanic Environmental Council funds Travel Scholarship for college students from a wide variety of disciplines related to the environment, natural resources, agriculture, and energy, to attend the annual *National Hispanic Sustainable Energy & Environmental Conference*. The Conference features workshops; a Career Fair (with on-the-spot hiring taking place); site visits to environmental facilities; and an opportunity to network with other students and environmental professionals.

<http://www.nheec.org/> .

National Wetlands Awards Program

The National Wetlands Awards Program recognizes individuals from the U.S. who have demonstrated extraordinary effort, innovation, and excellence in the area of wetlands preservation. Awardees show how individuals can and do make a difference through their efforts to educate the public and surrounding communities about the value of wetlands. Organizations and federal employees are not eligible.

<http://www.eli.org/nwa/nwaprogram.htm>

National Wildlife Federation's Species Recovery Fund

The National Wildlife Federation's Species Recovery Fund encourages habitat restorations, species reintroductions, private land conservation activities, and other creative endeavors that directly improve conditions for species listed under the U.S. Endangered Species Act. The fund supports projects that improve on-the-ground conditions for one or more listed species, with preference to grassroots organizations.

<http://www.nwf.org/keepthewildalive/speciesrecoveryfund.cfm> .

NOAA International Coral Conservation Grants

An opportunity for funding of international coral reef projects is now available through NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Grant Program. Education can be a component of the projects but it is not the primary focus of the themes.

<http://ipo.nos.noaa.gov/coralgrants.html>

NSF Informal Science Education Program

The Informal Science Education (ISE) program supports projects to increase public interest in, understanding of, and engagement with science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The goal of ISE projects is an informed citizenry that has access to the ideas of science and engineering and understands their role in enhancing their quality of life and the health, prosperity, welfare, and security of the nation.

http://www.ehr.nsf.gov/ehr_pgm_detail.cfm?pgmPimsid=5361&pgmPubid=5581

NSF Request for Proposal for 2004 Math and Science Partnership Programs

The National Science Foundation's 2004 Math and Science Partnership projects are expected to both raise the achievement levels of all students and significantly reduce achievement gaps in the mathematics and science performance of diverse student populations. Successful projects serve as models that can be widely replicated in educational practice to improve the mathematics and science achievement.

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2003/nsf03605/nsf03605.htm>

Nature of Learning Grants Community-Based Environmental Education Grants

The Nature of Learning is a community-based environmental education initiative that uses national wildlife refuges as classrooms to promote understanding of local conservation issues and encourage an interdisciplinary approach and student-led stewardship projects to enhance academic achievement. It partners among local schools, community groups, natural resource professionals, and local businesses.

<http://www.nfwf.org/programs/tnol.htm>

North American Association for Environmental Education 2003 Awards

The North American Association for Environmental Education presents awards for contributions to environmental education and the association at the annual conference. Watch for funding opportunities on the website.

<http://naaee.org/news/index.php>

Pollution Prevention Information Network Grants

These EPA grants seek to coordinate work among technical assistance providers to minimize duplication of effort and improve information collection, synthesis and dissemination, and training for pollution prevention techniques. Funds are also available to strengthen the effectiveness of pollution prevention technical assistance programs to businesses.

<http://www.epa.gov/p2/grants/ppin/ppin.htm>

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Program honors outstanding K-6 science and mathematics teachers who bring national and state standards to life in their classrooms. Principals, teachers, students, and other members of the general public may nominate an outstanding teacher for the award.

<http://www.paemst.org/> or https://www.ehr.nsf.gov/pres_awards/proinfo1.shtm

President's Environmental Youth Award

The EPA's President's Environmental Youth Award program recognizes young people across America for projects which demonstrate their commitment to the environment. All students who complete an environmental project and submit an application will receive a signed certificate from the President of the United States in recognition of their accomplishments.

<http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/awards.html>

Project AWARE Foundation Grants

The Project AWARE Foundation conserves underwater environments through education, advocacy and action. The Foundation funds projects that have a direct benefit to the aquatic environment such as public education, grassroots conservation and enhancement projects, volunteer-supported community activism, and more. Grant proposals are reviewed quarterly.

<http://www.projectaware.org/> .

Prudential Spirit of Community Award

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards recognize outstanding community service by young people in grades 5 -12. Students engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least partly during the twelve months prior to the date of application are eligible.

<http://www.principals.org/awards/prudential.cfm>

Qwest for Education

Qwest Foundation awards grants to nonprofit organizations that generate high impact and measurable results through community-based programs, and supports programs and initiatives for Qwest customers and the communities they serve. Funding is available for programs to strengthen K-12 public school education, improve educator skills and leadership, and provide effective use of technology to improve instruction.

<http://www.qwest.com/about/company/sponsorships/foundation/investing.html>

River of Words Poetry and Art Contest

River of Words, in affiliation with The Library of Congress Center for the Book, conducts an international poetry and art contest for youth on the theme of watersheds each year. The contest is designed to help youth explore the natural and cultural history of the place they live, and to express, through poetry and art, what they discover. Prizes are awarded in art and poetry categories, according to age group.

<http://www.riverofwords.org/contest/index.html>

St. Andrews Prize for the Environment

The St. Andrews Prize for the Environment provides seed funding to help promote the implementation of innovative solutions to environmental problems. Solutions should be practical, combine good science, economic reality, political acceptability, and have the potential for wider application elsewhere.

<http://www.thestandrewsprize.com/about2004.html>

SALLJEX Teacher in the Field

The NOAA Office of Global Programs sponsored its first *Teacher in the Field*, an extension of NOAA's Teacher at Sea program. The Teacher in the Field will participate in the SALLJEX research project, travel to South America, and teach her/his classes via near real-time Web broadcasts.

<http://www.ogp.noaa.gov/salljex/research/>

Science and Engineering Visualization Challenge

The National Science Foundation and *Science*, published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, invited participation in the first Science and Engineering Visualization Challenge. The competition recognized scientists, engineers, visualization specialists, and artists for producing or commissioning innovative work in visual communications.

www.nsf.gov/od/lpa/events/sevc

Seaspace Grants for Texas Teachers

The grants provide the opportunity for schools to enhance their educational program through the implementation of new instructional programs or projects. Funding is provided for programs or projects meeting the Seaspace goal of promoting awareness of environmental issues relating to our oceans, lakes, and rivers and the species found therein and/or introducing students to diving.

http://www.seaspace.org/tchr_grnt.htm

Shell Science Teaching Award

NSTA and Shell Oil Company announce the 14th Annual Shell Science Teaching Award, recognizing K–12 classroom science teachers who have had a positive impact on their students, school, and community through their exemplary classroom teaching.

www.nsta.org/192

State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Award

The State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Award enables youth and educators to bring the benefits of service learning to more people. Service learning, now used in about one-third of all U.S. schools, links community service with academic study.

http://www.ysa.org/Awards/overview_parent.cfm

Tax Deduction for Educator Expenses

Remember to take your Deduction for Educator Expenses for the federal tax year. Qualified expenses include unreimbursed expenses you paid or incurred for books and supplementary materials that you use in the classroom. Eligible educators may deduct as an adjustment to income up to \$250 in qualified expenses, even if you don't itemize deductions.

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=112593,00.html>

Teacher Enhancement Grant for GIS

The *Extending Scientific Inquiry through Collaborative* Geographic Information Systems program (ESIC) is a three-year program at the University of Kansas to promote the use of geotechnologies in K-12 science education. The program consists of an online and onsite class of 24 participants from across the U.S. and Canada who study and implement classroom scientific inquiry with the aid of Geographic Information Systems.

<http://qis.kuscied.org>

Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants Program -- Partnership Grants

These grants promote improvements in the quality of new teachers, with the ultimate goal of increasing student achievement in the nation's K-12 classrooms. Partnership grants are designed to promote significant improvements in teacher education by strengthening the vital role of K-12 educators in the design and implementation of effective teacher education programs, and by increasing collaboration among these educators and institutions of higher education and schools of arts and sciences.

www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2004-1/030304e.html .

Teacher Professional Continuum Funding Opportunities

The Teacher Professional Continuum program at the National Science Foundation funds research studies, as well as research and development projects for K-12 science, technology, and mathematics (STM) education. The program promotes quality K-12 STM teaching through the production of resources, the development of infrastructure, and the advancement of knowledge.

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2003/nsf03534/nsf03534.htm>

Tellabs Foundation Grants for Education and the Environment

The Tellabs Foundation provides direct grants to eligible organizations, generally in the amount of \$10,000 and above. The Foundation supports education programs with a particular focus on local and national programs and curricula for engineering, science, mathematics, and technology. The Tellabs Foundation Environment grants support programs to encourage understanding and the protection of the environment.

<http://www.tellabs.com/about/foundation.shtml> .

Texas Environmental Excellence Awards.

The Texas Environmental Excellence Awards emphasize the importance of caring for and conserving natural resources by recognizing outstanding programs that serve as models for others to follow. Projects that show a commitment to improved environmental quality and demonstrate measurable results in preserving the state's land, air or water are eligible. Categories include education, youth programs, and others.

http://www.cleantexas.org/teea_app.html

ThinkQuest Competition

The semi-annual ThinkQuest competition, open to students and their teacher-coaches around the world, is designed to promote collaboration and cross-cultural learning by encouraging students to team with their peers in other regions or countries to develop web sites on educational topics. Sites that meet the evaluation criteria will be published in the ThinkQuest Library, a free public resource of web-based.

<http://www.thinkquest.org/>

Toshiba's Science and Math Grants

The mission of the Toshiba America Foundation is to contribute to the quality of science and mathematics education in U.S. communities. The Foundation encourages projects with potential for improving classroom teaching and learning in science and mathematics. Applications for grades 7-12 are accepted on a rolling basis.

<http://www.toshiba.com/taf/apply.html>

TOYchallenge 2004

TOYchallenge is a national toy design competition for children to create and design a toy or a game, hosted by the Sally Ride Science Club, Hasbro, and Smith College. Be a coach and get a team of kids (grades 5-8) together.

www.TOYchallenge.com .

Toyota Tapestry Grants

The 2004 Toyota Tapestry program awards grants to K-12 science teachers for innovative science projects that can be implemented in their school or school district over a one-year period. Toyota Tapestry projects demonstrate creativity, involve risk-taking, possess a visionary quality, and model a novel way of presenting science.

<http://www.nsta.org/programs/tapestry/index.htm>

Volvo Adventure Environmental Award

This contest offers young people the chance to devise and publish action plans to improve their school or community environment under five headings: Biodiversity, Consumption, Water, Transportation and Pollution. All action plans are published and presented to the United Nations Environment Programme, and students compete for cash and the chance to present their ideas at a conference in Sweden.

<http://www.volvoadventure.org/site/index.asp?ID=435>

Walter B. Jones Memorial and NOAA Excellence Awards: Honor Your Coastal Heroes

2003 award categories included: Volunteer of the Year, Non-Governmental Organization of the Year, Excellence in Local Government, Excellence in Coastal and Marine Graduate Study, and others.

<http://www.publicaffairs.noaa.gov/releases2003/mar03/noaa03r410l.html>

Wetlands Recovery Project Small Grants Program

The WRP Small Grants Program funds community-based restoration projects in coastal wetlands and watersheds in Southern California. The purpose of the program is to further the goals of the WRP Regional Strategy, build local capacity to plan and implement wetland restoration projects, promote community involvement in wetlands restoration activities, and foster education about wetlands ecosystems.

<http://www.coastalconservancy.ca.gov/scwrp/index.html> .

Wi-Fi 101: Wireless Access for Select K-12 Schools

Acer America Corporation recently launched *Wi-Fi 101*, to provide free wireless access points and installation to select K-12 schools nationwide. With the support of Intel Corporation, Acer America will canvas and select one school in each qualified school district, with up to 120 schools participating nationwide for the program.

<http://www.acer.com/wifi101>

Wildlife Forever Grants

Grants from Wildlife Forever are targeted for habitat restoration and acquisition, research and management, and educational projects. Special emphasis is placed upon grassroots programs. These are challenge grants, and funds must be matched on at least a one-to-one basis from a third-party donor and sent through Wildlife Forever. Groups that promote wildlife habitat and quality are eligible to apply for the funds.

Contact Brett Richardson, brichardson@wildlife forever.org

Windows of Opportunity Grants for North Carolina Teachers

NC Beautiful, a nonprofit organization that works to improve North Carolina's environmental resources through education and environmental stewardship, offers Windows of Opportunity grants to K-12 teachers in North Carolina. The program helps teachers develop educational programs targeted at improving the environment while creating future environmental leaders.

Contact ncbeautiful@bellsouth.net

World Legacy Awards

Conservation International and *National Geographic Traveler* magazine recognize examples in the tourism industry that help protect our planet's natural and cultural heritage. The World Legacy Awards honor businesses, organizations and places that promote the principles of sustainable tourism including the conservation of nature, economic benefit to local peoples and respect for cultural diversity.

<http://www.wlaward.org>

Young Birder of The Year Contest and Birding Scholarships

The American Birding Association (ABA) offers a variety of funds for birders. The ABA/Leica Young Birder of the Year is an annual contest for youth ages 18 or younger. The contest, for two age groups, 10–13, and 14–18, runs from April through September. The ABA also provides scholarships to help young people attend bird-related summer camps, workshops, training programs, conventions, and other activities.

<http://www.americanbirding.org/> .

Young Eco-Hero Award

The Young Eco-Hero Award recognizes youth, ages 8 to 16, from around the world for work they have undertaken to improve or protect the environment. Action for Nature publicizes winning projects as an inspiration to others.

<http://www.actionfornature.org/eco-hero/index.html>